

**THE LITTER CONTROL AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013

TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

WE ARE WRITING IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED BILL 6235 TO REQUEST THAT IT BE OUT OF COMMITTEE TO BECOME LAW IN A BI-PARTISAN QUALITY OF LIFE MANNER.

THE CITIES OF CONNECTICUT HAVE BECOME A CATCH-ALL FOR ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE WHO TEND TO USE THE CITIES STRICTLY FOR PERSONAL GAIN WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ITS TAX-PAYING RESIDENTS.

THESE PEOPLE PURCHASE PROPERTIES, COLLECT RENTS ON THE BACKS OF THE POOR, AND EITHER CAUSE BLIGHTED CONDITIONS OR ALLOW THEM TO SURFACE AND CONTINUE WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR THOSE WHO CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THEIR CITY AND WORK TIRELESSLY TO TRY TO REMEDY THE CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THEM OR BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE BY THEM JUST SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO PROFIT.

MANY OF THE SERVICES THAT THOSE IN THE SUBURBS NEED ARE CONTAINED IN THE CITIES AND YET, THEY SAY THEY FEAR COMING INTO THE CITIES BECAUSE TO THEM BLIGHT EQUATES WITH CRIME.

THEREFORE, THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE LIVING IN THE CITY DIMINISHES EVEN MORE BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH WE IN WATERBURY! AND WE ARE CERTAIN, IN ALL CONNECTICUT CITIES, HAVE TOILED SO HARD TO STOP THIS BLIGHT, WE NEED PROPOSED BILL No.6235, AN ACT CONCERNING BLIGHT VIOLATIONS TO EXPAND OUR BLIGHT LAWS TO GIVE THE CITIES IN CONNECTICUT THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE RIGHT TO HAVE CLEAN, WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE TO USE AS OUR "WELCOME MAT" FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS TO BE ABLE TO USE SERVICES AND ENJOY ALL THAT THE CITIES HAVE TO OFFER.

PLEASE, IN A BI-PARTISAN MANNER, AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES TO HOLD PROPERTY OWNERS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR BLIGHT VIOLATIONS AND TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES TO PLACE LIENS ON ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES OWNED BY THESE PEOPLE.

(AS A COMMISSION, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE RENTERS HELD LIABLE FOR BLIGHT CAUSED BY THEM SO THAT THOSE OWNERS THAT HAVE TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR PROPERTY WILL NOT BE UNDULY PUNISHED.)

OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IS AT STAKE AND WE NEED YOU TO HELP TO ENSURE THAT ALL CONNECTICUT CITIES CAN ENJOY A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE OUR OURSELVES AND FOR THOSE WHO SEEK SERVICES AND THE ENJOYMENT OF CITY LIFE.

BEST REGARDS,

(Bernadine C. Orintas)
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(AT THE MEETING OF THE LITTER CONTROL AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013, ALL COMMISSIONERS HEARTILY AGREED TO THE WRITING OF THIS LETTER.)